

*Attn. Dir of the Provincial Secretary*

February 29th, 1956.

The Honourable A. J. Hooke, M.L.A.,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Edmonton, Alberta.



Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the year ending December 31st, 1955, showing statistical detail of the various services rendered, covering the calendar year 1955 and showing the revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1955.

The statistics are given in tabular form showing comparisons for three successive years and are arranged in the following order.

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Revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1955 showed an increase of 6.8% over the revenue for the preceding fiscal year exclusive of the Motor Vehicle Branch revenues. This Branch was transferred before the end of the calendar year 1954, to the Department of Highways. This increase compares with an increase of 12.2% in the fiscal year ending in 1954 over the previous fiscal year, exclusive of Motor Vehicle Branch revenues in both years.

The year 1955 saw a drop of 10.7% in theatre admissions with a somewhat smaller drop in revenue due to increased prices being charged for most

wide-screen pictures. Pari-mutuel betting continues to show an increase over previous years but not sufficient to compensate for the loss in revenue due to decreased theatre admissions. The number of new pictures reviewed by the Board of Moving Picture Censors increased by 14.9% over the previous year.

Registrations of Provincial and Extra-Provincial Companies under the Companies Act showed an increase of 9.1% over the previous year for the largest number of registrations in any one year in the history of the Province. The net increase in registrations for the year exceeded by 11.6% the net increase in registrations for the preceding year.

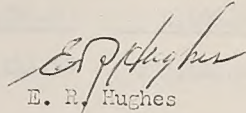
The Fire Prevention Branch has continued an active fire inspection program in conjunction with fire instruction and fire investigation work and assistance to the Provincial Civil Defence Organization. One part of the work of the Branch is to instruct local Fire Chiefs in methods of conducting their own fire inspections. By means of lectures, film showings and demonstrations, the Fire Commissioner's Office fostered fire prevention education at meetings which were arranged with local municipal groups. The Fire Commissioner and his staff, with the co-operation of local fire departments, directed and promoted a vigorous fire prevention week campaign. The Fire Protection Instruction Unit was employed to assist fire department organizations in municipalities and in industry. Firemanship competitions were held in Grande Prairie, Two Hills, Calgary, Coleman, Redwater and Redcliff at which this department assisted the fire departments sponsoring the competitions by officiating and presenting competition prizes. Being in support of the Provincial Civil Defence Organization, the Fire Commissioner and the Deputy Fire Commissioner attended regular civil defence meetings, participated in civil defence exercises and supervised civil defence auxiliary firemen training. The Fire Commissioner attended a Civil Defence Fire Forum at Arnprior, Ontario and the annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals at Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Total gallonage sales of all fuel oil to consumers in the province in the year 1955 showed a 13.3% increase over the previous year as compared with a 4.5% increase in 1954 over the year 1953. At the same time total gallonage sales of taxable fuel oil increased by 9.4% in 1955 as compared with a 6.1% increase in 1954.



Licensing of Insurance companies, agents and adjusters under The Alberta Insurance Act continued its steady increase in the year 1955. The number of real estate agents and salesmen licensed however showed a small decrease, a reversal of the experience in post-war years. Complaints received under both The Alberta Insurance Act and the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act showed a substantial increase over the previous year. The total amount of insurance premiums written in the calendar year 1954 (the last for which figures are presently available) was \$74,104,622, an increase of 5.3% over the previous year and amounting to a per capita premium cost of \$71.32.

Respectfully submitted



E. R. Hughes

Deputy Provincial Secretary

FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

TABLE I

	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
<b>AMUSEMENTS BRANCH</b>			
Amusements Tax	\$ 937,980.80	\$1,057,360.57	\$1,124,745.80
Pari-Mutuel Tax	296,998.82	341,483.81	374,375.11
Censorship Fees	37,359.00	40,595.50	40,968.00
Licence Fees, Theatres, Halls, etc.	21,348.67	23,679.86	27,015.88
Licence Fees, Moving Picture Operators	6,288.00	2,899.00	3,281.60
Total, Amusements Branch	<u>1,299,975.29</u>	<u>1,466,018.74</u>	<u>1,570,386.39</u>
<b>COMPANIES BRANCH</b>			
Alberta Companies Incorporated	183,546.08	146,337.84	128,546.17
Foreign Companies Registered	33,737.55	42,620.71	41,589.13
Extracts and Searches	<u>6,830.93</u>	<u>4,465.67</u>	<u>5,662.13</u>
Total, Companies Act	224,114.56	193,424.22	175,797.43
Companies Information Act			5.00
Corporations Taxation Act			18.60
Trust Companies Act	140.00	119.40	118.30
Miscellaneous Acts	<u>1,206.45</u>	<u>1,335.75</u>	<u>1,540.80</u>
Total, Companies Branch	<u>225,461.01</u>	<u>194,879.37</u>	<u>177,480.13</u>
<b>FIRE COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH</b>			
Fire Prevention Tax	36,434.08	44,287.03	42,116.69
Lightning Rod Act, Licences	<u>268.80</u>	<u>280.25</u>	<u>175.52</u>
Total, Fire Commissioner's Branch	<u>36,702.88</u>	<u>44,567.28</u>	<u>42,292.21</u>
<b>FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH</b>			
Fuel Oil Tax (Net of Commissions)	<u>15,278,524.68</u>	<u>17,315,099.65</u>	<u>18,576,962.53</u>
<b>GENERAL OFFICE</b>			
Change of Name Act	3,158.00	3,479.50	3,860.00
Professionals Acts: Chiropody		10.00	10.00
Chiropractic		130.00	160.00
Naturopathy	110.00	200.00	360.50
Optometry	150.00	20.00	80.00
Queen's Counsel Letters Patent		<u>1,300.00</u>	
Total, General Office	<u>3,418.00</u>	<u>5,139.50</u>	<u>4,470.50</u>

TABLE I cont.

	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
INSURANCE BRANCH			
Agents' Licence Fees	45,270.99	49,719.71	51,604.14
Companies' Licence Fees	<u>123,860.00</u>	<u>126,915.00</u>	<u>133,197.50</u>
Total, Insurance Act	169,130.99	176,634.71	184,801.94
Real Estate Agents Licensing Act	9,557.05	10,398.00	9,817.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>957.73</u>	<u>1,233.10</u>	<u>991.80</u>
Total, Insurance Branch	<u><u>179,645.77</u></u>	<u><u>188,265.81</u></u>	<u><u>195,610.74</u></u>
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Profit on Sale of Fuel Oil Dye	7,523.55	13,271.35	11,660.28
Reimbursement of Salaries and Expenses	<u>25,318.04</u>	<u>22,432.94</u>	<u>2,249.61</u>
Sale of Automobiles		<u>4,196.63</u>	<u>304.20</u>
Total, Miscellaneous Revenue	<u><u>32,841.59</u></u>	<u><u>39,900.92</u></u>	<u><u>14,214.09</u></u>
MOTOR VEHICLES BRANCH	<u><u>2,878,793.80</u></u>	<u><u>3,277,197.39</u></u>	<u><u>—</u></u>
TOTAL REVENUE ALL BRANCHES	<u><u>20,035,363.02</u></u>	<u><u>22,531,066.66</u></u>	<u><u>20,581,416.59</u></u>



AMUSEMENTS BRANCH  
AMUSEMENTS TAX DIVISION

TABLE II

Amusements Admissions

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Calgary	5,185,880	5,545,397	4,540,029
Edmonton	6,100,294	6,332,566	5,467,140
Lethbridge	1,077,062	1,110,956	1,114,049
Medicine Hat	550,806	592,888	575,569
All Others	<u>7,376,586</u>	<u>7,767,475</u>	<u>7,310,505</u>
Total Admissions	20,290,628	21,349,282	19,007,292

Pari-Mutuel Betting

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Calgary	\$3,215,737.	\$3,619,988.	\$3,932,134.
Edmonton	3,645,378.	3,897,904.	4,373,093.
All Others	<u>19,878.</u>	<u>19,034.</u>	<u>7,888.</u>
Total Betting	\$6,880,993.	\$7,536,926.	\$8,313,115.

Places of Amusement Licensed

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Entertainment Halls	858	866	888
Film Exchanges	13	13	14
Itinerant Exhibitors	17	13	10
Theatres	428	439	437
Travelling Shows (including Carnivals)	<u>55</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>
Total licensed	1371	1397	1420

AMUSEMENTS BRANCH  
CENSORSHIP DIVISION

TABLE III

Standard Gauge Film (35 m.m.)

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections **</u>		
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Austrian	4								
British	227	251	237	44(16)	55(18)	44(13)			1
Canadian	18	20	16		1(1)				
Chinese	3		5						
Finnish	1								
French	5	8	10	8(1)	11(4)	12(2)			
German	24	35	43	4(3)	20(5)	11(6)	1		1
Italian	8	25	27	4(3)	7(2)	7(2)		1	1
Japanese			3						
Mexican	5	1							
Russian	5	14	7		1(1)	5(1)			
South African			3						
Swiss		2	3						
Ukrainian	2								
United States	2417	2187	2506	36(23)	97(44)	58(34)		4	3
Yiddish	<u>5</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Totals	2724	2543	2860	96(46)	192(75)	137(58)	1	5	6
Second Prints	<u>1439</u>	<u>1805</u>	<u>1848</u>						
Total all Films	4163	4348	4708						

\* Indicates number of individual eliminations, several of which may occur in the same film. The figures in brackets indicate the number of films from which eliminations have been made.

\*\* Indicates number of complete films rejected.

Narrow Gauge Film (16 m.m.)

TABLE III cont.

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections **</u>		
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Austrian		1							
Australian		2							
British	24	34	63	23(4)	6(2)	20(7)			1
Canadian (French)	96		2						
Chinese		2							
Czechoslovakian	1		1						
Danish	1	1							
Finnish	2								
French	9	71	82						
German		3	18			3(1)			
Hungarian	6	4	3						
Italian	1	4	7	1(1)	9(2)	4(1)			
New Zealand	5								
Polish	2	4	1						
Russian	11	20	27	1(1)	2(2)	6(2)			1
Scandinavian	1								
Spanish		1							
Swedish		1							
Swiss			1						
Ukrainian	1	1		2(1)			1		
United States) and Canada)	2172	1505	1759	30(7)	19(16)	47(27)			
	<u>2332</u>	<u>1654</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>57(14)</u>	<u>36(22)</u>	<u>80(38)</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>

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AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

THEATRE INSPECTION DIVISION

TABLE IV

Theatre and Hall Inspections

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Number of Plans surveyed	62	39	24
Places recommended for licence (new and remodelled)	78	66	61
Number of places inspected	385	307	365
Recommendations made	673	460	625

Projection Room and Projector Inspections

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Projection rooms inspected	150	105	95
Projectors inspected	272	202	199
Recommendations made	291	206	158

Projectionists' Licensing

	<u>Licences Issued</u>			<u>Examinations Held</u>		
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
First class	7	10	13	7	17	12
Second class	21	27	17	23	23	17
Third class	38	58	47	46	62	54
Apprentice	78	81	73			
Narrow Gauge	139	141	109			
Permits	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>			
	294	325	266	76	102	83

Film Reports

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Number of films reported	57,173	56,808	62,721
Number of films revised	260	155	64
Number of films condemned	39	7	23

COMPANIES BRANCH

TABLE V

The Companies Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Provincial Companies			
Number incorporated	1202	1177	1263
(Oil and Gas Drilling)*	(186)	(173)	(142)
Number struck off register	187	269	293
Number restored to register	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
Net increase in Registrations	1018	913	981
Extra-Provincial Companies			
Number registered	190	201	241
(Oil and Gas Drilling)*	(55)	(48)	(72)
Number struck off register	85	95	83
Number restored to register	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Net increase in Registrations	109	111	162
Number of Companies Registered at end of year			
Provincial	7487	8400	9381
Extra-Provincial	<u>2311</u>	<u>2422</u>	<u>2584</u>
Totals	9,798	10,822	11,965

\* Included in the figures for number of companies incorporated or registered.

Incorporations Under Other Statutes

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
The Cemetery Act	4	1	3
The Co-operative Associations Act, 1946	86	54	30
The Credit Union Act	15	14	14
The Religious Societies' Lands Act	34	31	19
The Societies Act	129	191	178

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S RETURN

TABLE 11

Fire Losses (estimated)

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Property loss	\$5,652,339.	\$7,657,085.	\$5,321,670.
Per capita loss *	5.64	7.31	5.29
Loss of life	54	35	42
Injuries	28	25	32

\* Population of Alberta: 1953 - 1,002,000; 1954 - 1,039,000; 1955 - 1,066,000.

Inspection Service

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Towns inspected	594	773	581
Buildings inspected	1871	1542	1235
Plans checked	268	366	450
Written orders	91	131	170
Verbal orders	306	250	285
Written recommendations	2060	1767	1107
Special inspections	380	502	417

Fire Investigations

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Number of investigations	107	94	137
Incendiary and suspected incendiary	44	26	41
Charges laid (arson and allied offences)	20	8	10
Convictions	11	7	6
Pending	1	—	4

Investigations on Behalf of  
Superintendent of Insurance

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Investigations under Alberta Insurance Act	47	51	51
Charges laid	—	10	7
Convictions obtained	—	10	7
Investigations under Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act	33	33	30
Charges laid	5	2	5
Convictions obtained	4	2	5



Fire Prevention Education

TABLE VI cont.

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Meetings held	264	222	179
Number of films showings	165	281	110
Attendance at Meetings	17,698	10,537	12,052
Fire drills held (at schools, hospitals etc.)	154	119	140
Demonstrations of first aid fire fighting equipment	148	98	89
Number of Fire Prevention Week reports	185	252	226

Fire Protection Instruction Unit

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Fire Departments inspected	131	202	119
Recommendations	305	243	126
Drills called	62	93	91

The Lightning Rod Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Companies licensed	3	3	4
Agents licensed	49	42	42
Investigations	6	2	2
Special inspections	3	6	16

FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

TABLE VII

Sales of Fuel Oil to Consumers in Alberta

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Gallons non-purple tax-exempt fuel oil	202,346,939	214,000,944	254,959,708
Gallons purple tax-exempt fuel oil	<u>156,349,811</u>	<u>160,140,644</u>	<u>176,501,310</u>
TOTAL GALLONS TAX-EXEMPT SALES	360,696,750	374,141,588	431,461,018
TOTAL GALLONS TAXED SALES	<u>177,049,130</u>	<u>187,975,605</u>	<u>205,724,470</u>
TOTAL GALLONS ALL SALES	537,745,880	562,117,193	637,200,496

Prosecutions under the Fuel Oil Tax Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Number of prosecutions	1,394	1,497	1,576
Fines and costs paid	24,186.	338,953.	344,106.

GENERAL OFFICE

TABLE III

Change of Name Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Certificates of Change of Name issued	271	254	309

Accountants' Experience Appraisal Board

The Alberta Chartered Accountants Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Applications carried over	3	—	—
Applications received	13	20	22
Certificates granted	11	14	17
Applications refused i) conditionally	1	6	4
ii) unconditionally	3	—	1
Applications withdrawn	1	—	—

Board of Examiners

The Chiroprody Professions Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Applications received	2	—	2
Certificates granted - graduates of Accredited Schools	1	—	2
Applications refused - failed on examination	1	—	—

Board of Examiners

The Chiropractic Act, 1945

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Applications carried over	7	—	1
Applications received	3	13	4
Certificates granted i) graduates of Accredited Schools	6	11	4
ii) qualified on examination	1	—	—
Applications refused i) conditionally	—	—	—
ii) unconditionally	—	1	—
Applications refused - failed on examination	—	—	1
Applications pending	—	1	—



Chiropractic Appraisal Board \*

The Chiropractic Act, 1945

	<u>1955</u>
Applications received	8
Applicants approved	5
Applicants not approved	1
Applications carried over	2

\* Replaced Board of Examiners by amendment to Act,  
Chapter 51, Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

Board of Examiners

The Naturopathy Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Applications received	13	11	1
Certificates granted i) graduates of Accredited Schools	6	7	—
ii) qualified on examination	3	—	—
Applications refused i) unconditionally	—	1	—
ii) failed on examination	—	2	1
Applications withdrawn	4	—	—
Applications carried over	—	1	—

Naturopathic Appraisal Board \*

The Naturopathy Act

	<u>1955</u>
Applications received	1
Applications carried over	1

\* Replaced Board of Examiners by amendment to Act,  
Chapter 50, Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

Board of Examiners

The Optometry Act, 1950

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Applications received	1	4	1
Certificates granted - graduates of Accredited Schools	1	4	—
Applications refused - failed on examination	—	—	1

Summary of all applications for certification  
under the Professionals Acts up to December 31, 1955.

	<u>Chart. Acc.</u>	<u>Chiropody</u>	<u>Chiropractic</u>	<u>Naturopathy</u>	<u>Optometry</u>
Total applications received	64	5	27	36	33
Total certificates granted					
i) graduates of Accredited School	--	4	18	22	31
ii) qualified on examination	47	—	7	5	—
Total applications refused					
i) conditionally	10	—	—	—	—
ii) unconditionally	7	—	1	2	—
iii) failed on examination	—	1	1	2	2
Total Applications withdrawn	—	—	—	5	—

INSURANCE BRANCH

TABLE IX

The Alberta Insurance Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Companies licensed 1) Dominion registered	329	333	341
2) Alberta incorporated	6	6	6
3) Extra-provincial	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
Total, Companies licensed	345	351	360
New Companies admitted	10	10	13
Companies withdrawn	3	1	4
Company mergers	1	1	—
Company inspections carried out	4	3	4
Agents' certificates of authority issued	4,504	4,842	4,979
Adjusters licences issued	122	142	145
Complaints received	124	118	193
Charges entered	—	10	7
Convictions obtained	—	10	7
Letters of warning	—	—	15

The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Agents' and Salesmen's licences issued	1,713	1,813	1,702
Complaints received	63	56	68
Charges entered	4	2	6
Convictions obtained	4	2	6
Letters of warning	—	—	17



